

THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHISM

Here he found Urban at S. Maria Maggiore, whither he had removed from Tivoli at the beginning of August, after having signed the peace with the Florentines. Tebaldeschi was the only cardinal in Rome—the other three Italians, at the end of July, having gone to Vicovaro and thence to Palestrina, where they were ostensibly negotiating with the Sacred College on Urban's behalf, in reality attempting to keep neutral. "I went to our lord the Pope," writes Gonsalvo, "and, after telling him my message concerning his abdication, I exhorted him, in the name of God, to dissipate the ambitious hosts of the devil which were mustering against him, and to take aid from God and all the Saints. But he, like a soldier who at length hears certain tidings that the longed-for war is decided upon, rejoiced, and answered me with joy : ' In God's own truth, I should reckon little of laying down the papacy ; but I will not resign to give place to the devil and make sinners exult. Nay, I will abide and beat them down in the name of the Lord our God.' "¹

In the meanwhile, the Cardinals of Geneva, Poitiers, and Sant' Eustachio had been sent by their colleagues to Palestrina to induce the three Italians to come to Anagni; but without result. They now decided to proceed without them. On August 9, thirteen cardinals solemnly entered the cathedral of Anagni. After the Mass of the Holy Spirit had been sung, Jacopo d' Itri, Patriarch of Constantinople, preached from the text: *In te oculi respiciunt totius Israel, ut indices eis quis sedere debeat in solio tuo.*² The history of the usurpation of the kingdom by Adonijah the son of Haggith was, he declared, a figure of the present state of the Church. " Let us turn the eyes of our mind to our Queen, the glorious Virgin, that she may deign to plead our cause in the presence of the King her Son. The sheep of Christ's pasture are wandering through steep and devious ways, even as flocks that have no shepherd ; he who usurpeth the name of shepherd, is not the shepherd, for he has not entered by the

¹ MS. «/., f. 65 v. (also in Raynaldus, vii. p. 318).

² "The eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him" (A.V., I Kings i. 20).